

# QUESTIONS 1980s - 1990s

1. Start of MTV: 1981
2. What was the first video shown on MTV?
3. How did the invention of the CD help the birth of the superstar?
4. How did the enormous success of Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' help MTV?
5. Explain how and why the music video was such a revolutionary development in the 1980s.
6. What is VHS?
7. "Home taping is killing music". What was that all about?
8. When was Live Aid? What was it?
9. Who is Bob Geldof?
10. What is NWOBHM?
11. Why was the invention of the sampler important for the course of music?
12. What is 'crossover' in music ?
13. What is Alt. Country?
14. Which album was instrumental in the resurgence of the Female Singersongwriter concept?
15. What is the original meaning of Lo-Fi as a genre?

## HEAVY METAL

1. Who were the three iconic British Bands that influenced Heavy Metal in the 1970s?
2. What does NWOBHM stand for?
3. What is Spinal Tap?
4. What was arguably the Greatest Year In Metal?
5. Metallica, Iron Maiden, Saxon, Venom, Def Leppard, Judas Priest, Ozzy Osbourne, Diamond Head, Girlschool. Which band does not fit in?

## HIPHOP

1. What was the Golden Age of Hip-hop?
2. When was the first rap single released?

3. What was the name of the record label of Rick Rubin and Russell Simmons?
4. Why were Eric B & Rakim so influential for the Golden Age of Hip-hop?
5. What happened when Chuck D heard "I Know You Got Soul"?
6. Mike G of The Jungle Brothers said: "...this is our folk music." What does he mean by this?
7. What did sample clearance have to do with the end of The Golden Age?
8. How is The Blueprint (2001) by Jay-Z influenced by The Golden Age Of Hip-hop?

**Here's a nice timeline on music technology:**

<https://www.rollingstone.com/music/music-lists/24-inventions-that-changed-music-16471/phonograph-1877-222487/>

## **BRITPOP**

1. Graham Coxon and Liam Gallagher talk about Britpop as a reaction to what kind of music?
2. What happened to a lot of starting British bands when Britpop took off?
3. According to Jarvis Cocker (of Pulp), what was the big cultural shift brought on by Britpop?
4. Graham Coxon said: "Britpop was too clever." Too clever for what?
5. Phil Savidge: "I don't think drugs destroyed Britpop." What then did destroy Britpop?

## **NIRVANA**

1. What were the living conditions of Kurt Cobain a month before "Nevermind" was released?
2. What was The Year Of Grunge?

3. Which (double)album was released a week before "Nevermind" and was much more interesting to the record company Geffen?
4. Why were the members of Nirvana shocked when "Nevermind" went gold?
5. Why did Kurt Cobain cancel the last week of touring in December 1991?
6. How did Nirvana alter the sound of rock music?
7. What did Stone Gossard think when he heard Eddie Vedder sing on the famous demo tape "Mommason"?

### Some important recent technological revolutions

MP3 patent by Fraunhofer 1996

Napster 1999

Ipod 2001

Itunes store 2003

Youtube 2005

Facebook/Twitter 2006

iPhone 3 2007

Spotify 2008

TikTok 2016

